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Pamela Smart...\$10,000 reward offer is withdrawn.

Smart family backs away from \$10,000 reward offer

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Reports of a \$10,000 reward for information that could help gain a new trial for Pamela Smart are untrue, according to Smart's mother.

Linda Wojas said the reward offer, made Thursday in the "Friends of Pamela Smart" newsletter, has been withdrawn. According to the Associated Press, Wojas said the offer was published in the

newsletter by mistake.

Smart, 25, was convicted of masterminding the May 1, 1990, murder of her husband, Gregory, in their Derry home. Smart has been held at the state women's prison in Goffstown since the conviction, but was transferred to a prison in Bedford Hills, N.Y., in March.

Smart has maintained her innocence since her arrest, saying Superior Court Judge Douglas Gray's courtroom became a

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media circus that Gray did not control, and adding that Gray erred by not barring the jury from any news reports of the trial.

The reward offer in the newsletter stated the information provided must lead to "competent, admissible evidence bearing on the unjust conviction of Pamela Smart."

Wojas said the \$10,000 was offered by Smart's supporters and did not involve Smart's family or lawyer, J. Albert Johnson, although the newsletter told people with such information to call Johnson's office.